

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species of claims 1-4, drawn to a process for producing compounds of formula (1);

Species of claim 5, drawn to an electroluminescent device; and

Species of claims 6-9, drawn to a polymer.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect the species of claims 1-4, drawn to a process for producing compounds of formula (1), with traverse.

Applicants traverse the outstanding election of species requirement since M.P.E.P. § 806.04(h) is inapplicable. There is not more than a reasonable number of species in the present application. Further, there is no statement that there will be an undue burden on the Examiner to consider all pending claims.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request consideration of all pending claims since the present restriction requirement is inappropriate. Withdrawal of the election of species requirement is respectfully requested.

If the elected subject matter is allowed, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of all other pending claims, such as claims 6-7.

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Information Disclosure Statement of April 14, 2004

Applicants have not yet received a copy of the PTO-1449 form having the Examiner's initials next to each cited reference, wherein the PTO-1449 form was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement on April 14, 2004. Thus, Applicants respectfully request such a copy.

CONCLUSION

A full and complete response has been made to the Office Action. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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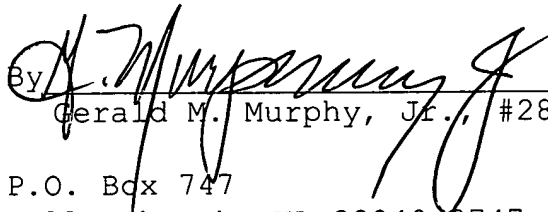
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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